



Improving CHC Partnerships with History/Preservation Organizations

Initiate Proactive Planning

Harrison CHC has a monthly roundtable meeting of representatives from organizations that contribute to community preservation, including the City of Marshall's Main Street Director. They discuss upcoming events so that each organization can promote partner events to their respective audiences. The organizations also share a common calendar to prevent conflicts when scheduling those events.

Montgomery CHC website offers a calendar of events for local history-related organizations, and serves as a clearinghouse for other county and state historical societies and museums. Maintaining this type of ongoing digital communication between partners is a great way to stay connected between meetings and events.

Identify Non-Traditional Partners

Parker CHC, as a co-sponsor of the 2016 Bankhead Highway Centennial Celebration, partnered with the THC, the City of Weatherford, Weatherford's Texas Main Street Program, the Theater Off the Square, and automobile clubs. Displays of vintage cars were displayed on the Weatherford square. CHC partnered with the Parker County Heritage Society for the Information Station—a booth with brochures and handouts. There was also a scavenger hunt of historic buildings on the square. The event brought attendees from counties associated with the Bankhead Highway, three of the Texas Trails Regions, and people who live in and around Parker County.

Invite participation in CHC Events

Collin CHC hosts Collin County Cruises—a day trip by bus to see historical sites around the county. Sites are chosen based on a theme (like wooden churches) or a selected area of the county. Local history groups are contacted for information on possible sites. Meetings are held to determine places and routes, information to be given, and places for a lunch. At each tour stop, a local person will tell the story or give the tour. It's a great history lesson! It's the CHC's opportunity to share county history in a fun and educational event.

Diversify CHC Participation with Partners

Atascosa CHC committed to help the Longhorn Museum Society's, 2016 Yesteryear Festival, which they host each summer. Appointees contributed to several exhibits including a realistic early Texas "camp," a demonstration of branding techniques, and an interactive laundry set up. All appointees dressed in period clothing and engaged the public, many of whom were children. The CHC increased attendance for the Longhorn Museum Society by providing the additional outside activities, and visitors learned about life in early Texas from the CHC.

Jeff Davis CHC researched three Fort Davis cemeteries in 2016—Pioneer Cemetery, Hillcrest Cemetery, and St. Joseph Cemetery—to fill in gaps and correct erroneous information, and to assist in cemetery mapping. CHC appointees continue to help the Hillcrest Cemetery Association to re-organize and to preserve cemetery records; a clean-up day for this cemetery was held on December 10, 2016. Other ongoing work includes the CHC's efforts to locate and identify burials in the Pioneer Cemetery; the CHC has looked into accessing ground penetrating radar to help locate these graves.

Tom Green CHC attends trainings sponsored by area partners, along with hosting educational events. The CHC learned more about the projects and activities of other CHCs by attending the Edwards Plateau Historical Association's Fall Meeting. Gathering like-minded groups is a great way to learn about the work of other organizations, determine how their work aligns with your mission, and discover new ways to partner.

CHC partnership recommendations on the Texas Historical Commission (THC) website

- Expanding CHC Partnerships
thc.texas.gov/expanding-chc-partnerships
- Building Partnerships with History-Related Organizations
thc.texas.gov/building-partnerships-history-related-organizations
- Advantages of partnering with History-Related Organizations:
thc.texas.gov/advantages-partnering-history-related-organizations
- Improving with History-Related Organizations:
<http://www.thc.texas.gov/improving-partnerships-history-related-organizations>
- Constructive Partnerships with the THC
thc.texas.gov/what-it-means-have-constructive-partnership-texas-historical-commission
- Why Partnerships with the THC are Important
thc.texas.gov/why-partnership-thc-important
- Improving Communication with the THC
thc.texas.gov/improving-communication-thc



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